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For: NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION METHOD BY  
TRIPLE HELIX FORMATION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination:

In the Claims

Kindly amend claim 3 at line 1 by deleting "or claim 2."

Kindly amend claim 5 at line 1 by deleting "any one of the preceding claims" and substituting -- claim 1 -- therefor.

Kindly amend claim 6 at line 1 by deleting "any one of the preceding claims" and substituting -- claim 1 -- therefor.

Kindly amend claim 7 at line 1 by deleting "any one of claims 1 to 5" and substituting -- claim 1 -- therefor.

Kindly amend claim 9 at line 1 by deleting "any one of the preceding claims" and substituting -- claim 1 -- therefor.

Kindly amend claim 12 at line 1 by deleting "any one of claims 1 to 8" and substituting -- claim 1 -- therefor.

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Kindly amend claim 13 at line 4 by deleting "any one of the preceding claims" and substituting -- claim 1 -- therefor.

Kindly amend claim 14 at lines 1-2 by deleting "any one of the preceding claims" and substituting -- claim 1 -- therefor.

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